

# "Wow, so that's the burden you're going to place on physicians...?



The Philips recall has been underway for nearly two years (since June 2021) and is not over. Recently the CBS station in Texas did a news story about it, talking about Philips' role (they were first aware of the issue in 2015!), how they've responded, the perspective of a sleep physician, and the perspective of one patient who has zero trust in Philips and feels like nobody cares. Watch or read the news story <u>here</u>.

Do you have patients who are left feeling that they're stuck and nobody cares? The lack of communication from Philips has left you in a very uneasy spot. <u>As Dr. Jain articulates</u>, it has put a burden on the medical world to determine best course of action when there is no clear indication from the manufacturer on timing or reassurance of safety.

As a dentist-owned practice, we cannot and do not diagnose or direct care. When patients have called our office to ask what they should do with a recalled unit, we reiterate that their first step needs to be that they register their unit so they can get in queue for a replacement once available. Once they do that, our second recommendation is that they talk with their primary care provider for direction on care. Here are the options we have provided to them to consider for that discussion:

- Continue to use the CPAP as-is.
- Consider getting an Rx for a travel CPAP, which can be purchased online.
- Consider an oral appliance.

Please <u>let us know</u> how we can help your patients continue to receive treatment for their sleep apnea during this recall/shortage.

Philips recall notification
Philips clinical information for physicians and providers
Clinical Practice Guidelines for Oral Appliance Therapy
OAT Fact Sheet
OAT Evidence Brief

### Patient Spotlight: LillaDean B.

"I absolutely love this office as well as the oral appliance I have used for the last 5 years! The doctors and staff are very friendly and explain everything they are doing or plan to do." - LillaDean B.

# Objective Oral Appliance Therapy Results:

Pre-Treatment AHI: 21.6 Post Treatment AHI: 9.7

## Subjective Oral Appliance Therapy Results:

Sleeping better, feeling better, no longer snoring



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### We Make It Easy To Partner

Both diagnosed and non-diagnosed patients may be referred.

We know how complicated treating sleep disorders can be for both providers and patients and it is our goal to streamline the entire process for everyone involved. With that in mind, we are able to offer or guide both sleep apnea testing and treatment:

We want you to know that if you have a patient that you suspect has sleep apnea or has struggled with prescribed treatment, we will take great care of them.

Patients can be referred directly through our <u>website</u>, or you can <u>fax a referral</u> to us at 1-877-811-8129.

If you'd like any paper screening tools, business cards from our office, or would like to coordinate a time to speak with one of our providers, please connect with Brea at brea@whywesnore.com or 402-996-0387.



\*\* Know that we are in-network with medical insurance, including Medicare and Tricare. Those with Medicare supplement plans typically have low or no out-of-pocket costs. All patients know what their out of pockets costs will be before moving forward with treatment.

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